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- ☐ patent application of  
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☒ divisional patent application of  
☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTION OF THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF METHYLTHIOADENOSINE  
PHOSPHORYLASE (MTASE) IN A CELL SAMPLE BY DETECTION OF THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF MTASE  
ENCODING NUCLEIC ACID IN THE CELL SAMPLE

- ☒ This application claims priority from US Patent Application No. 09/072,914, filed May 4, 1998, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 34 page(s) of specification;  
☒ 3 page(s) of claims;  
☒ 1 page of Abstract;  
☒ 4 pages of Sequence Listing;  
☒ 3 sheet(s) of informal drawing(s) (Figure 1);  
☒ A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application (three (3) month) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3); and  
☒ Preliminary Amendment with Appendix

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